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REPORTCOUNTRY East GermanyTOPIC Military Information from the Altengrabow Troop Training GroundsEVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 1 September 1953 25X1REFERENCES [REDACTED]PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS [REDACTED][REDACTED][REDACTED][REDACTED]

1. On 8 August 1953, the North Camp, installation No 8, in Altengrabow, was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia. The training area northwest of the installation was quiet. About 8 x 122-mm field guns and about 200 to 300 trucks were at the gun parking lot, installation No 7. At about 1 p.m., five columns, each of about 50 to 60 troops wearing gasmasks, marched to the North Camp via the training area. Source had the impression that they returned from an exercise as the troops looked tired.
2. Local residents stated that, on 8 August, the cantonments, installations No 1 and 2, were occupied to capacity.
3. On 8 August, all was quiet in the former ammunition depot and the filling station, installations No 4 and 5. Individual soldiers, presumably sentries, were seen.
4. Prime mover [REDACTED] and two trailers [REDACTED] were seen between Gross Luebars and Altengrabow, proceeding toward Altengrabow. Between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., individual reports of guns and rocket launchers were heard. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Comment. The installations are numbered to a sketch attached to a previous report. [REDACTED] made similar observations in mid-July. [REDACTED]

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